

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 33 remain in this application. Claims 17-20 and 23-33 stand allowed and claims 2-16 and 21 have been indicated as allowable. Claims 1 and 22 were rejected based on Takenouchi. In the previous response it was Applicant's intent to enclose a certified translation of the priority document. This was inadvertently omitted, which failure to file was noted in the Examiner's Advisory Action. It is now enclosed.

As stated in the response filed November 9, 2005, it is submitted that the priority date of April 4, 2003 has been perfected by this submission, and that therefore Takenouchi is not prior art against the application because of Takenouchi's date of December 24, 2003. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1 and 2 and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

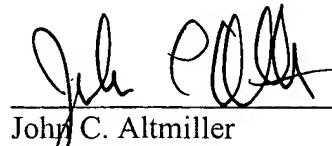
The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to discuss any matter concerning this application.

Applicants respectfully request a one month Extension of Time to respond to the Final Rejection of August 23, 2005. The extended period expires December 23, 2005.

Appl. No. 10/817,174
Supplemental Amdt. dated December 13, 2005
Reply to Final Rejection of August 23, 2005

The Office is hereby authorized to charge the fee of \$120.00 for a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,



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